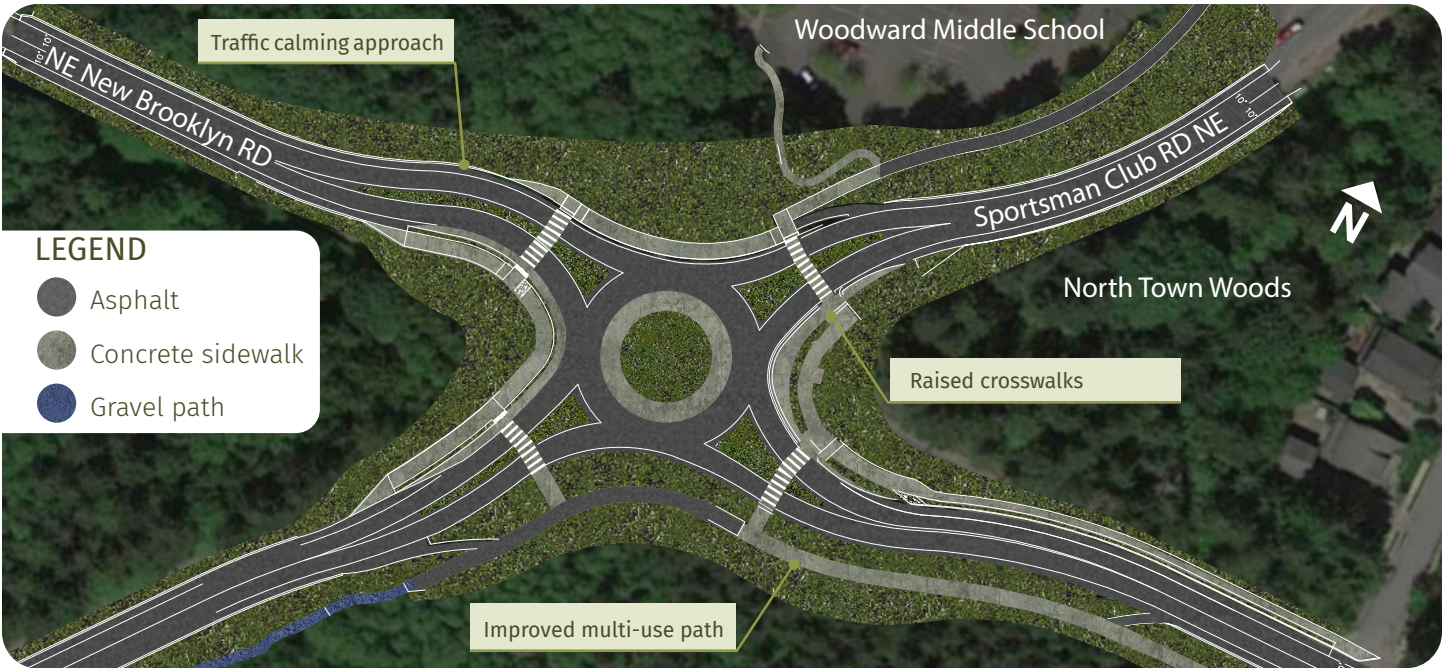


# Sportsman Club - New Brooklyn Intersection Improvements Project

## Overview

At the Feb. 18 City Council Study Session, staff will provide an update on the Sportsman Club Road-New Brooklyn Road Intersection Improvements Project. The intersection is just outside the Winslow area and near many destinations that are easily accessible by pedestrians and bicyclists. As congestion increases, the City of Bainbridge Island is considering a roundabout at the intersection that would enhance facilities for those who walk and bike, and also serve as a hub for connecting sidewalks and walking paths in the vicinity.

Modern roundabouts mitigate conflicts between vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists, and are being implemented around the region near schools, most recently at Tyee Middle School in Bellevue.



## Project costs

The total cost of the project is estimated to be **\$2.3 million**. The City has **\$860,000** in federal grants and **\$360,000** in City funds in the current approved budget. The project will need an additional **\$1.1 million** of City funds to complete the design and construction.

## Project background and information



Current Sportsman Club Rd and New Brooklyn Rd intersection

- Roundabouts are designed to improve safety for all users and are recommended by the Safe Routes to School program managed by the Federal Highway Administration.
- The main purpose of the roundabout is to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety, but traffic congestion is also expected to improve during most of the day. Peak traffic times at the end of the school day are still expected to be congested due to surges in vehicles and pedestrians but are likely to improve from current conditions.
- The roundabout design does not propose to create more paved surface than exists at the intersection currently.
- Up to 36 trees larger than 12 inches in diameter will need to be removed on the north and west sides to accommodate the roundabout. The City is considering how retaining walls and the careful design of pathways could preserve some of these existing trees and reduce tree removal. New landscaping and trees will be planted at each corner of the roundabout and within the center islands.
- School buses, fire trucks, and other truck traffic will be able to safely travel through the roundabout.

## What's included in the new design?

- All legs of the intersection will include:
- Improved multi-use paths:** An expanded, 10-foot wide multi-use sidewalk (or separated trail) with ramps for bicyclists who choose not to travel with vehicles in the right of way of the roundabout
  - Raised crosswalks:** ADA accessible ramps and raised concrete crosswalks with rapid-flashing beacons for safe crossings
  - Upgraded shoulders:** Wide, paved shoulders for bicyclists on both sides of the road within the City right of way
  - Traffic calming approaches:** Curved approaches with narrowed lanes to slow down vehicles to the 20-mph design speed
  - Hardscaped improvements:** Enhanced lighting and separation between the crosswalks and the roundabout to improve pedestrian visibility and traffic flow

## What's next?

City Council will consider approval of the final design of the project. If the project is approved by Council, a design contract and budget amendment will be presented to Council at a meeting in March and construction will begin in **summer 2021**.

If the Council does not approve the project, the City will be required to repay approximately **\$150,000** in federal funds that were used for the initial design phases.

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